idea underlying this restriction seems to be that a person should not remain away from his cadre and necessary steps for filling up the post are taken during the extended period of deputation. However the deputationist who opted to draw pay in the scale of the ex-cadre post shall continue to draw pay in that scale even during the extended tenure also. It is entirely the choice of the deputationist either to elect the deputation (duty) allowance or the pay scale of the ex-cadre post whichever is beneficial to him. A copy of this Deptt.'s O.M. dated 5.1.94 laying down the general policy on deputation (duty) allowance was laid on the Table of the House on 23.3.1995 and 4.6.98 in reply to an Unstarred Question No. 1631 and 957 respectively.

Restoration of Commuted value of pension

358. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) keeping in view that the year 1999 is being observed as the Year of Senior Citizens, whether Government have so far taken any final decision regarding restoration of the commuted value of pensions of the Central Government pensioners after ten years instead of fifteen years;

(b) if so, by when the orders are likely to be issued; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor when the Fifth Central Pay Commission has already given its recommendations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONER'S WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Taking into view the financial implications, various issues involved and all relevant factors, Government has taken a final decision not to accept the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission on restoration of Commuted Value of pension after 12 years instead of 15 years as at present.

Pending Cases Pertaining to State Bank of Indore

†359. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1189 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether Government have received the report with regard to the cases pertaining to State Bank of Indore;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, what are the elaborate details thereof;

(c) whether the letters dated 28.3.1998 and 8.6.1998 of the Members of Parliament in this regard have been received by the Head Office;

(d) if so, what are the details of the action taken on these letters; and

(e) whether Government have got these letters examined?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations made by the employee Shri C.L. Verma have been found lacking in substance. This was indicated in fulfillment of the assurance given in response to Question No. 1189 answered on 25 July, 1996.

(c) to (e) The Banking Division, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance has received letters dated 28.3.98 from Shri Baburao Paranjpe, MP (Lok Sabha) and dated 8.6.98 from Shri Shiv Charan Singh, MP (Rajya Sabha) addressed to Prime Minister containing inter-alia the grievance of the concerned employee that the order of the head office dated 4.10.94 has been reversed by the Regional Office, New Delhi in July 1997. The Head Office of the bank has since clarified to the Banking Division that their order dated 4 October, 1994 was not reversed.

Forfeiture of Property Acquired by Corrupt Public Servants

360. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it a fact that in a landmark judgement in 1996, the Supreme Court directed that a law providing forfeiture of property acquired by public servants through corrupt and illegal means should be passed immediately;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Law Commission in its 15th Report has made a similar recommendation; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and by when a law on the subject is likely to be passed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTIRES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND